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Survey reveals residents' local shopping patterns

BY SABEEN AHMAD
Didsbury Review

When it comes to shopping locally, Didsbury residents are looking for affordability and more variety, according to the recently released results of the Town of Didsbury Retail Opportunity Survey.

The nine-question survey was distributed to 1,600 residents, with their utility bills, in September. Though only 10 per cent of the surveys were completed and returned, Colleen Gustavson of Economic Development for Didsbury says "10 per cent response is better than expected by many standards to achieve a well balanced representation."

When asked how many times a month they purchased items outside of the community, the majority of respondents (28 per cent) responded 11 or more times.

Twenty-four per cent responded that they purchased items outside the community three or four times a month.

Retail (women's/men's/children's) was the top answer when asked what goods or service was used regularly but not available locally. It was also the top answer when asked what items or services would locals like to have in our community.

Thirty per cent of those that responded to the survey said they spent anywhere between \$251 and \$500 a month on goods outside of the community. The biggest complaint given about shopping locally was high prices followed by there being no variety in shopping locally.

A whopping 93 per cent said that when they shopped outside the community for an item they typically shopped for other items as well.

Lower prices was a suggestion made by the majority of

survey respondents (29 per cent) that local businesses could do to encourage people to shop locally. Sixteen per cent suggested offering a variety of products.

Although 56 per cent answered that the hours of business were sufficient to their needs, 44 per cent answered no, and most of them felt that businesses needed to stay open later.

Out of a number of various comments and suggestions the most common suggestion on the survey was for businesses to be more progressive.

In the report presented to council, Gustavson said that local merchants could use the survey as a "tool to improve or expand their business and services, as well as validate areas where they may already be succeeding." Gustavson also suggested "the survey could be used in conjunction with the gap analysis to attract new business to the community."



Sabeen Ahmad/Didsbury Review

CLOSE ATTENTION - Value Drug Mart pharmacist Brad Blatz reviews information currently contained on cough medicine labels. Health Canada has recently ruled that by the fall of 2009, certain pediatric non-prescription medicine will have to include advisories against usage for children under six years of age. See story on page 3.

Community-wide trail system under consideration

BY LEA SMALDON
Didsbury Review

The first step towards development of a comprehensive trail system within Didsbury has been reached with the unveiling of a first draft plan for general design and construction specifications.

Several years ago, council embarked on a plan to develop a pathway and trail system that would connect all districts in town to each other as well as to the downtown central core area.

Council requested its contracted planner – the City of Airdrie's planning department – to develop a plan that would guide the completion of the system.

The overall objective of the master plan is to combine pathways, trails and urban connections that accommodate major users like commuter bicyclists, recreation bicyclists, pedestrians, cross country skiers, snowboarders, and skateboarders,

according to the plan's authors.

The draft plan considers the development of greenways, parkways, trails, pathways, urban connections and walkways.

It also includes consideration for bicycle parking, rest areas with benches, waste receptacles, and dog bag dispensers, and signage basic requirements for development, inspection, and maintenance of the system.

But as town CAO Roy Brown points out, there is still work to be completed on the plan including organization and prioritizing sections of the pathway system.

The draft plan does not include project priorities or a map.

Development of Didsbury's Centennial Trail began last year in Centennial Park, at 16 Street and the Highway 582 Bypass Road, where it connects to three new baseball diamonds.

"In 2008, a paved one kilometre pathway was constructed and has enjoyed significant use even though the existence of this pathway is not yet widely known," Brown informed council recently.

Council has been asked to provide feedback on the draft master plan so that administration can bring a final draft back to council for consideration later this month.

If administration and council are able to finalize the master plan, council will be asked to consider budget funding for another portion of the trail in 2009.

With recent development growth in Didsbury, the draft plan's authors say neighbourhood pathway usage is changing from primarily recreational use to more connectivity use between residential, schools, downtown and commercial industrial areas.

The development of a regional path connecting sports facilities has also initiated a growing interest in pedestrian and bike commuting, according to the draft plan.

Town council has identified improving the town's overall pathway and trail connections as a priority to continue providing a desirable place to live and work, according to the draft plan.

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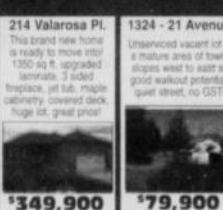
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The early winter grip that has seized the region has most people complaining about the cold and snow.

Not so for a group of some 90 volunteers gearing up for the 4th Annual edition of the Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic sled dog sprint races.

Organizers of this year's event are optimistic for an exciting race after a year's hiatus.

Scheduled for January 24 and 25, the arctic weather conditions have race organizers of the Rosebud Run sleddog race dancing for joy.

"I've never seen the trail in such wonderful condition," comments race organizer Bill Windsor. "There is so much snow we even have extra we can shovel onto the trail to improve trail conditions. This is virgin territory for our committee because in years gone by, we've had trouble just getting enough snow to run the races let alone having extra."

The early snows in relatively copious amounts have allowed for the early development of the race trail and a trail base that is not likely to go away before race days.

Additionally, the contin-



Carla Victor/File Photo

ued frigid temperatures have prevented the snow from disappearing, a phenomenon that has led to many postponements in the short history of the races.

The 2007 event was postponed three times due to unfavourable weather conditions, namely no snow.

Organizers held a warm-up run last Thursday to test the trail.

Rachel and Dena Wannamaker took four-dog, five-dog and six-dog teams and Jesse Byers took a four-dog team on the trail. All three mushers reported the trail as being terrific, with Dena even going so far as to say that this is the best trail she's ever run on.

There was a small gathering at the race site, braving the frigid temperatures, to witness the trail testing.

The race trail, marked by fluorescent pink trail markers, winds through the Rosebud River Valley and cropland immediately east of Didsbury.

Anyone travelling out of town east on Highway 582 can see the markings on both sides of the road as they head to Highway 2A.

The trail, a stark white ribbon heading off across the landscape, is blatantly obvious to passersby even without the trail markings. It is here, in less than three weeks' time, mushers will drive their dog teams from start to finish attempting to claim a Rosebud Run

trophy.

"I have little doubt we will see more teams entered in the races this year," says Windsor. "Postponements cause scheduling conflicts and some mushers can't attend on alternate race dates because of other races around the racing circuit. With the races taking place on our primary race dates, every musher will be able to plan early to include Rosebud Run in their plans. Rosebud Run has gained a reputation for being one of the must-attend races so being able to go on our January 24 and 25 dates is huge."

With an anticipated 60 to 70 teams competing in the races and spectators coming from far and wide, there is good reason for the Rosebud Run volunteers to be thrilled with the weather.

"You have no idea how pleased we are. With the amount of time our volunteers put into hosting these races, the concept of not having to postpone and burden our volunteers even further is enormous. Not to mention our sponsors who have been so patient and understanding. It's a Christmas present to all of us," said Windsor.

Power bills to jump

BY MARK LAYCOCK

For the Review

Didsbury and area residents can expect to see a slight jump in their power bills come this January after FortisAlberta was given approval for an 8.6 per cent rate increase.

A typical residential customer who uses 600 kWh of power per month could see the distribution charge on their bill increase by about \$2.29 per month, or about 2.4 per cent overall including retail energy charges.

Combined with last year's rate increase, customers have seen a 17.1 per cent increase in distribution fees on their bills. Prior to 2008 the last increase was in 2005 when rates were hiked by 2.1 per cent, followed later in 2007 by a 1.1 per cent decrease.

The Alberta Utilities Commission gave approval to the rate increase on Dec. 17. The commission must approve all rate changes for electricity, natural gas, water and pipelines before providers can pass on any changes to consumers.

FortisAlberta serves as the area's power distribution company, meaning it is responsible for the upkeep, metering and construction of power infrastructure such as power lines, substations and home power meters.

The increase will only apply to a customer's distribution charge, not the overall cost of the bill.

"FortisAlberta has been able to control costs while managing the company's capital program to support significant customer growth and improve reliability of the electricity system for the benefit of customers," explains Karl Smith, President and CEO of FortisAlberta.

The company's capital expenditures are expected to total approximately \$300 million, with nearly half going towards the construction of new facilities and repairs.

The company is also implementing new automated metering technology in some communities this year that will allow for exact readings of monthly power usage rather than estimates.



CRASH CLEAN-UP - Emergency crews attend the scene of a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Range Road 15 and 20 Ave. in Didsbury at about 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 30. A 1997 Ford F150 travelling south on the range road turned at the stop sign and collided with a 1995 Dodge Neon travelling east on 20th Ave. The four occupants of the Neon received minor injuries and police have charged the driver of the pickup with failing to proceed safely from a stop sign.

Cough medicine restricted

BY SABEEN AHMAD
Didsbury Review

Following Health Canada's recent announcement about changes in children's cough medicine, Didsbury residents have shown little concern or questions about the changes.

"(There was) relatively good coverage (in the media)...from what I saw it explained things fairly well so I think most people got the idea (of what the changes were about)," said Value Drug Mart's pharmacist, Brad Blatz.

Blatz said that he did have a few customers come in with questions.

"You know the changes are now with restrictions to children under six, so we'll have questions like 'my child is five so can I use it for them?'"

In the middle of December, Health Canada announced its decision to make changes to the labelling of certain pediatric non-prescription cough medicine and cold products in Canada.

By the fall, labelling of pediatric cough and cold medicine will be required to carry advisories such as: "do not use this cough and cold product in children under 6 years of age," and "do not exceed the single and maximum daily dose and duration of use recommended. Higher doses

may cause serious harm," as well as "do not use for longer than seven days."

"Sometimes parents don't realize that over-the-counter medicine can still have serious side effects if not dosed properly," suggested Blatz.

He said that often there may be times where a parent will up the dose of the medicine if the child keeps coughing or give another dose of medicine two hours later instead of the recommended four or six hours later. "There is a risk of people giving more doses than should be given."

According to Blatz, administering cough medicine to young children has always been a little controversial; he often suggests non-medicinal alternatives for young children such as humidifiers or a Tylenol.

"Even if that child was under six (before the changes) usually I would suggest they try something even if it's a low dose of decongestant and hopefully that will help them sleep better at night... (but) if it's a runny nose and not causing problems usually it's best not to give anything at all."

If you are unsure of dosage when administering medicine to your children, Blatz has one suggestion. "Evaluate that possible risk with any possible benefit and if it won't work or make a huge difference then it's best not to give anything."

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Make a fresh start anytime

SABEEN AHMAD



Happy New Year! I hope everyone's celebrations to ring in the new year were safe and happy!

The usual trend that comes with ringing in the new year is New Year's resolutions. I have to say this year is no different than the others when it comes to resolutions. The common ones I have been hearing are "eating better," "quit smoking," and "work out more." This year my best friend said that one of her resolutions was to "try more new things." I like that one.

I guess my question is, why wait until the new year comes around for people to make these resolutions?

I understand that it's the beginning of a new year and in some sense it's better to start a new year with a fresh start. But if someone is adamant on making changes in his or her life - why wait?

If you are ready to make changes (for the better) in your life, it makes sense to start the changes right away, or when they best suit you to make them.

For example, I made a resolution to budget my finances better. Conveniently, this decision of mine came around Christmas and my next pay period doesn't hit until the new year, so it makes sense for me to start now. I wasn't waiting for the new year, it just worked out that way (buying Christmas presents and then flying home for Christmas took a toll on my finances!). But had it been in the middle of July, I could have started it then.

People expect a new year to bring new changes. But isn't it all about what you make it? Similar to the self-fulfilling prophecy, if you think it enough, you begin to believe it and eventually thoughts become actions and you are living the life you believe you should be living. I guess this is also similar to the thoughts stated in the book, *The Secret*.

I know for me to say this now may not mean so much seeing as how it is the beginning of a new year but honestly, I believe that if you want to see changes in your life, even if it does include working out more or anything, start the changes when you are ready for them or when you decide to.

I guess I just feel that making resolutions often results in disappointments because you have such expectations of yourself vowing that you'll make changes in the new year. When you don't follow them you only disappoint yourself.

So I say if you want to resolve to make changes in your life, do it when you are ready for it. Don't call it a New Year's resolution. Consider it a change you're ready to make in your life and if the changes happen to come at the beginning of a new year then I guess it just works out for you to have a fresh start for a new year. But please don't hold such high expectations of it because it's a new year. Remember, regardless of when it is during the year, you are allowed to make a fresh start anytime you want.

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Opinion



Commentary

Put more money into Canadians' pockets

DR. ROGER GIBBINS

It is rare for Canadians to approach the beginning of a new year with such a pervasive sense of anxiety, even foreboding, but it's hard to be festive when surrounded by bad economic news on virtually every front.

If we use the language of president-elect Barack Obama, we have moved from a financial crisis on Wall Street to a recession on Main Street, and Canadians are left with no idea as to how long and deep that recession will be. All we know for sure is that our personal wealth, the value of our homes, investments and RRSPs, is falling and the bottom is not yet in sight.

The overriding question for the holiday season, therefore, is what can and should our governments do to lend a helping hand.

My organization sought guidance on this question from 25 public economists from across the West, individuals who responded with both frankness and a welcome sense of optimism.

Their frankness came from the recognition that there are very real limitations on what the government of Canada can do to turn the economy around. Canada is a trading nation, and our governments have little influence and certainly no control over American and global demand for what we produce, or the price we receive.

As one of the participants in our study observed, if they're not buying, we're not selling, and if commodity prices are low, there is nothing that our governments can do to stimulate the economy through raising prices.

We're stuck in a global mess that was not our making and is beyond our capacity to fix.

What the government can do is to protect Canadians as much as possible. This means using and enhancing existing programs, such as Employment Insurance and the Child Tax Benefit, to support the most vulnerable Canadians. We can use selective tax cuts to put more money into the hands of Canadian consumers, and thereby stimulate local economies. We can create a stimulus package that is aimed more at Main Street than at Bay Street, that helps the little guy first.

The economists we consulted supported a stimulus package that would be broadly national in scope, that would use existing monetary policy and fiscal tools such as EI, that would be more than a hodgepodge of wish lists cobbled together from particular regions, industrial sectors and firms.

Here the jigsaw puzzle provides a good analogy. The primary responsibility of governments is to establish the borders, getting all the straight pieces aligned rather than trying to build up from the middle, from the jumble of well-intentioned pleas for special attention.

Even going this far, however, will mean deficit spending in the short term, and no one pulled back from this necessity. Rather, the hope is that if we're smart and disciplined enough, which is a big if, we should not fall back into structural deficits for the long run.

There is also broad support for increased infrastructure spending as part of the stimulus package, but for spending on projects that are "shovel ready," that do not require years of planning, environmental assessments and zoning approvals. This means putting new infrastructure funds into the hands of municipal governments who are perpetually shovel ready but cash poor.

Above all else, the advice we received stressed the need to align short-term stimulus with long-term economic policy objectives to ensure that when we come out of this mess, and we will, the Canadian economy will be more productive and more competitive.

This is where the note of optimism slips into an otherwise rather gloomy discussion. There is a chance the current economic crisis can provide the opportunity to get some things right for the long haul. We could, for example, direct infrastructure spending to increasing the stock of affordable housing or strengthening our trade infrastructure. We could seize the opportunity to make real progress on the reduction of interprovincial trade barriers or on tax reform.

Ultimately, our goal must be to do more than keep individual firms and industries afloat; it must be to keep the Canadian economy afloat in the long haul, and in very choppy global seas.

We have to do what we can, do it well, and avoid panic. With effective political leadership, there is a reasonable chance that when we offer a toast to 2010, we will have more sparkle in our eyes and more jingle in our jeans. With that hope, here's to 2009!

Dr. Roger Gibbins is the president and CEO of the Canada West Foundation

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Dragon girls tackle busy schedule

There will be no shortage of time on the court for the Didsbury High senior girls basketball team this season.

In addition to their Mountain View County senior varsity basketball league schedule, the Dragons will be taking in five tournaments as they prepare to land a spot in the 2A zone championships in March.

The ambitious schedule should help a fairly young roster come together, according to assistant coach Colleen Wassmer, who along with head coach Chris Overwater will oversee the Dragons.

"They are a hard-working, dedicated group of girls and we are looking forward to a successful season," Wassmer explained in an e-mail to the Review.

The team features four Grade 12s, two Grade 11s and four rookies (Grade 10s). Before the holiday break, the team was able to post a pair of victories, including an exhibition win over Bowden and a win over Sundre in their league opener.

The team will take in their first tournament of the season this weekend when they head to Okotoks for the Strathcona Tweedsmuir tournament, featuring many top teams in the area, including the host squad that is currently ranked second among 2A (100 - 209 senior high students) schools in the pre-season Alberta Schools' Athletic Association rankings.

Other tournaments the Dragons are scheduled to take part in include Jan. 30-31 in Strathmore; Feb. 6-7 at George MacDougall in Airdrie; Feb. 13-14 at Trochu Valley and their own Dragon Classic Feb. 26-27 at DHS.

The next league action for the Dragons is Jan. 12 in Olds against the OHS Spartans. Their next home game is Feb. 2 when the Innisfail Cyclones come to DHS.

The zone championship is March 12-14 at Prairie Christian Academy in Three Hills with defending champions J.C. Charyk of Hanna currently ranked seventh in the pre-season 2A rankings.

Sports briefs

Overall the South Central zone currently features 14 girls squads at the 2A level that are pursuing a provincial berth.

This year's roster for the Dragons includes Nikki Durstling, Chelsea Overwater, Suzanne Baril, Ashley Nussbaum, Megan Verbeek, Deena Durstling, Nicole Luft, Mackenzie Code, Nicole Miller and Fabienne Voegeli.

- Wild

Colts start new year right

The Mountainview Colts rang in the new year in fine fashion, beating division rivals Rimbev Rock 5-2 Saturday night in Didsbury.

Ryan Miller had a pair of goals and a helper to pace the local junior B squad's attack while team leading scorer Pat Turville also had a three point night with one goal and two assists.

Taylor Olsen rounded out the scoring with two goals while Kody Wickham had a pair of assists. Jason Arnason was solid in the net for the Colts, stopping 43 shots to pick up his seventh win of the campaign.

With the win, the Colts moved one game above .500 with a 11-10-2 record, keeping their hold on top spot in the Prairie Division of the Heritage Junior Hockey League, eight points clear of the Banff Academy Bears.

The game marked the first of six home games in the month of January after a slew of road games in November and December for the MVC. This weekend, the Colts will be back in the cozy confines of the Didsbury Memorial Complex when the Okotoks Bisons and Medicine Hat Cubs drop by for games on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon respectively.

Game times are 8 p.m. on Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

- Wild

DHS to host junior varsity basketball tourney

There will be plenty of basketball action this weekend as Didsbury High School plays host to its second tournament of the season.

The annual Didsbury JV Girls and Boys Invitational tips off Friday at the DHS gymnasium and features four teams in each of the divisions.

In the girls draw, the host Dragons will face the Olds High Spartans, Hugh Sutherland and Crossfield while the boys division features the host school, Cochrane, Sundre and Innisfail.

Action begins Friday afternoon with the DHS girls playing Crossfield in the tournament opener. Tip off is 3:45 p.m.

Immediately following the Dragon boys get their first game when they play Sundre at 5:15 p.m.

The other two games Friday feature Olds High and Hugh Sutherland in girls action while the final boys game of the night features Cochrane against Innisfail.

Saturday the two host squads swing back into action with a pair of games each.

The Dragon girls face Sutherland at 11:30 a.m. and close out their tournament at 6 p.m. with a game against the OHS Spartans.

DHS boys face Cochrane at 1:15 p.m. followed by an evening matchup with Innisfail at 7:30 p.m. to wrap up the two days of action.

Junior varsity features senior high players with the exception of Grade 12 students. For the most part players at this level move on to play for the senior varsity squad at their respective schools.

Local schools also compete in the Mountain View County JV League.

The girls league features DHS, Crossfield, Carstairs, Cremona, Olds High and Sundre. The boys loop includes DHS, Olds High, Sundre and Innisfail.

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REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday January 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday January 7, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers
Wednesday January 21, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (January 9, 2009)

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January 2009

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The Didsbury Aquatic Center will be closed from January 1, 2009 to February 16, 2009 for regular maintenance.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

MOTHER'S UNITE SALE!!

Saturday, January 31, 2009 from 9 am to 2 pm
Located in the Multi-Purpose Room. Tables are \$15.00 each. Sell your gently used children's clothing, toys, books, furniture, etc. No household items. Children's items only. Call 403-335-8719 to book your table.



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 There will be no charge for Christmas tree disposal at all Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission transfer sites until January 17, 2009. Trees will be accepted at the Didsbury Landfill, Water Valley Transfer Site, Sundre Transfer Site and Olds Transfer Site. For more information, please call the Waste Commission at 403-335-2005.



DIDSBUY NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

• RAINBOWS - Peer support group for children ages 6 - 13 dealing with a life altering crisis such as Death, Divorce and Separation. No cost for this 12 week program beginning January 14.

• BUSY BUDDIES - Program for Toddlers aged 2 - 4 years which introduces simple games, basic crafts, singing songs and finger plays. Join us Wednesday mornings from 11am - 12 noon Jan 14 - Feb 18. Cost is \$35.00.

• TODDLER GYM TIME - Join Town of Didsbury staff for a high-energy hour of activities for your toddlers aged 18 months up to 3 years. This six week program runs Thursday mornings from 9:00 - 10:00am in the MPR from Jan 15 - Feb 19. Cost is \$35.00.

For more info or to register, call DNP at 403-335-8719.

NEW PROPERTIES

2008 SUPPLEMENTARY PROPERTY ASSESSMENT & TAXATION

NOTICES HAVE BEEN MAILED DECEMBER 17, 2008

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Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

Mid-week service every third Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

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Knox United Didsbury

1406 - 19th Avenue

Minister Nancy Nourse

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West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - West 1.5 miles

Pastor Trevor Krieka, info - 337-2020

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

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Bethel Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta

5km S of the Didsbury Overpass,

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Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 11 a.m.

Pastor: Elwin Garland

For more information ph. 335-4451

Redeemer Lutheran

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA

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Church: 335-3161 / Res: 335-3656

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Jr. & Sr. Youth, Women's & Senior Ministry Group

Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week.

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury

Office: 335-4422

Morning Worship - 11 a.m. • Sunday School - 10 a.m.

For information concerning the weekly activities

please call the Church Office.

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury

For more information please contact

Claude Baril - 335-3842

Catholic Women's League: Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507

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Mary Augusta Guss



Mary Augusta Guss was born in Stanmore, Alberta January 11th 1916. She passed away peacefully at the Didsbury Hospital on December 29th 2008. Mary is lovingly remembered by her daughter Shirley (Don) Hunt, Granddaughter Dolly (Dale) Edwards, Grandson Shawn (Louann) Hunt, and Great Grandchildren James & Jesse Edwards, Brittney, Terrance & Destiney Hunt, all of Didsbury.

Mary was the eighth born into a family of twelve children. She grew up at the family farm by Stanmore, and was the star pitcher for the Stanmore Speeders softball team, pitching to her sister Nancy, the catcher. The two girls later played fastball for the Delia Royals. While Mary was enrolled in a hairdressing course, she met her best friend and future husband, James Cast Guss. Mary and Jim were married in Edmonton in 1937, and then moved to Drumheller, Alberta, where they managed the Silver Spike Bungalow Camp and Restaurant by the Red Deer River. Their daughter Shirley was born there. The family later moved to Calgary, where Mary continued to love baseball, pitching fastball in a league of six Senior Teams. Mary and Jim joined the Maccabees Lodge, where Mary received her Past Commanders Jewel. Mary and Jim, along with daughter Shirley, were members of the Maccabees Precision Drill Team, and performed at many functions in Calgary, as well as Minneapolis, Detroit, and the Toronto CNE. Mary became a Distributor Manager for Northumbria Fine Tableware, earning commendations as the top saleslady for the company in Canada. When Mary and Jim retired, they moved to Victoria, BC, where they both took up painting. Mary would scour the beaches for driftwood, clean and sand it, and then paint birds on it. She sold over 1500 of these creations through the Driftwood Den in Victoria. After living in Victoria for sixteen years, they moved to Didsbury, Alberta, to be closer to their family, where Mary enjoyed spending time with her great-grandchildren. Many people will remember Mary and Jim strolling around downtown Didsbury, stopping in at the stores and having coffee at the Inn. After Jim passed away in 1999, Mary continued to walk uptown every day, until she became so elderly that it grew to be too difficult for her. Mary was one of the first residents at the Aspen Ridge Lodge in Didsbury, where she loved the staff and the meals and often commented on how well she was treated there. "I'm a lady of leisure now," she would say. Mary's family would like to thank Dr Vervaet, the staff at the Aspen Ridge Lodge, and the staff at the hospital for the wonderful and compassionate care that everyone gave Mary.

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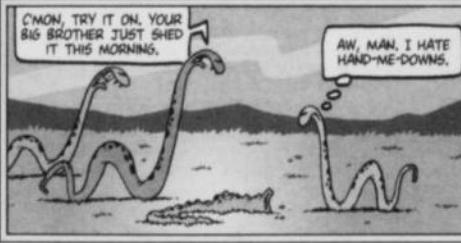
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Number of Sales in 2008	Didsbury	Olds	91
Carslairs	Didsbury	Olds	97
Didsbury	Olds	Sundre	39
Calgary	Calgary	Calgary	19082
Active Listing	Carstairs	Carstairs	37
	Didsbury	Didsbury	40
	Olds	Olds	75
	Sundre	Sundre	21
	Calgary	Calgary	6620
Average Days on Market Before Selling	Carstairs	Carstairs	37
	Didsbury	Didsbury	40
	Olds	Olds	75
	Sundre	Sundre	21
	Calgary	Calgary	52
Average Sale Price	Carstairs	Calgary	\$273,900
	Didsbury	Calgary	\$272,700
	Olds	Calgary	\$248,200
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